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SUBJECT:SECRETARY'S CONVERSATION WITH AGHA SHAHI, JUNE 2

SUMMARY - IN BILATERAL DISCUSSION WITH PAKISTAN FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS ADVISOR AGHA SHAHI ON JUNE SECOND, THE SECRETARY  
NOTED OUR CONCERNS ABOUT REGIONAL STABILITY IN THE WAKE OF  
AFGHAN EVENTS, AND OUTLINED THE STEPS WE WOULD BE WILLING TO  
CONSIDER--INCLUDING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND MILITARY SALES--  
AS REASSURANCES TO PAKISTAN PROVIDED THE GOP DID NOT PRO-  
CEED WITH THE REPROCESSING PLANT. SECRETARY ALSO PROPOSED  
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THAT UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM VISIT ISLAMABAD, JIDDA AND  
TEHRAN PROBABLY THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY. SHAHI AGREED NEWSOM  
VISIT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL, TERMED SECRETARY'S COMMENTS  
HIGHLY IMPORTANT, AND SAID HE WOULD REPORT THEM FULLY TO  
ISLAMABAD. END SUMMARY.

1. THE SECRETARY MET WITH PAKISTAN'S DE FACTO FOREIGN

MINISTER AGHA SHAHI IN NEW YORK ON JUNE SECOND. SHAHI WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR YAQUB-KHAN, PAKISTAN'S UN PERM-REP AKHUND, ADDITIONAL FOREIGN SECRETARY NIAZ NAIK AND MINISTER-COUNSELOR HAYAT MEHDI. ALSO PRESENT WAS ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAUNDERS. PAB OFFICER A. RAPHEL WAS NOTETAKER.

2. SECRETARY OPENED THE MEETING BY NOTING THAT AS A RESULT OF HIS MAY 25 CONVERSATION WITH SHAHI, THE SECRETARY HAD DISCUSSED WITH THE PRESIDENT THE CONCERNS THE ADVISOR HAD RAISED. HE ADDED THAT WE HAVE CLOSELY ASSESSED THE NEW SITUATION IN THE REGION, FOLLOWING EVENTS IN AFGHANISTAN.

3. SECRETARY SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF THESE ACTIVITIES, HE PLANS TO SEND UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM TO THE REGION, PROBABLY THE FIRST WEEK IN JULY. WE PROPOSE THAT NEWSOM VISIT ISLAMABAD, TEHRAN AND JIDDA (FYI - AND POSSIBLY OTHER POSTS IN AREA AS WELL - END FYI), AND THE SECRETARY HOPED THIS WOULD BE CONVENIENT FOR THE GOP. SHAHI RESPONDED THAT THE UNDERSECRETARY WOULD BE VERY WELCOME AND USEFUL TALKS COULD BE HELD.

4. THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT WE NOW FACE THREE DISTINCT ISSUES: (1) WE MUST CLOSELY WATCH THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN AND ASSESS ITS IMPACT ON THE REGION, (2) WE MUST DETERMINE WHAT WE CAN DO IN THE AREA IN RESPONSE TO AFGHAN EVENTS -- THIS IS THE REASON FOR NEWSOM'S TRIP, AND  
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(3) WE MUST SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE U.S.-PAKISTAN RELATIONS.

5. ON THE THIRD POINT, THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT OUR ABILITY TO BE FORTHCOMING IS SEVERELY CIRCUMSCRIBED BY THE REPROCESSING ISSUE. WE HAVE REAL LEGAL PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF GLENN AMENDMENT RESTRICTIONS. THE SECRETARY SAID THE PRESIDENT FEELS STRONGLY WE HAVE TO RESPOND IN A POSITIVE FASHION IF THE REPROCESSING ISSUE WERE PUT BEHIND US. WE REALIZE THIS DECISION MUST BE MADE BY FRANCE AND PAKISTAN, BUT WE THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT THAT GOP KNOW WHAT WE ARE PREPARED TO DO IF THIS IMPEDIMENT IS REMOVED. THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY BELIEVE THAT WE WOULD WANT TO MOVE ON SEVERAL FRONTS, INCLUDING RELEASE OF FROZEN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. WE WOULD ALSO WANT TO TALK ABOUT ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC AID AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT SALES. (NO SPECIFICS WERE MENTIONED BY EITHER SIDE.)

6. SHAHI RESPONDED BY ASKING WHETHER THE CHANGES IN AFGHANISTAN MIGHT CAUSE US TO MODERATE OUR POSITION ON THE REPROCESSING PLANT. AMBASSADOR YAQUB-KHAN COMMENTED THAT GROWING VIEW IN AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION AND ON THE

HILL THAT THE U.S. SHOULD REMAIN FIRM AGAINST SOVIET AGGRESSIVE ACTS, MAY MEAN USG WOULD HAVE MORE FLEXIBILITY ON THIS ISSUE. THE SECRETARY ANSWERED THAT AFGHANISTAN AND THE STABILITY OF THE REGION ARE MATTERS OF GREAT CONCERN TO US. HOWEVER, WE HAVE CERTAIN LEGAL OBLIGATIONS IN THE

REPROCESSING FIELD WHICH MUST BE OBSERVED. THE SECRETARY ADDED THAT SPEAKING FRANKLY, HE DID NOT SEE ANY POSSIBILITY OF LEGISLATIVE GIVE IN THE REPROCESSING QUESTION. WE HAVE NEW NUCLEAR LEGISLATION, AND THERE WAS NO FLEXIBILITY IN OUR POSITION.

7. SHAHI ASKED WHETHER MILITARY EQUIPMENT WOULD BE MADE  
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AVAILABLE UNDER GRANT OR CREDIT SALES ARRANGEMENTS. THE SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO STUDY WHAT WE CAN AND CANNOT DO. AS A GENERAL PRINCIPLE, CONGRESS IS OPPOSED TO GRANT ASSISTANCE AND WE ARE MOVING AWAY FROM IT. THE MORE LIKELY COURSE WOULD BE FMS CREDIT SALES FOR PAKISTAN.

8. SHAHI ASKED ABOUT THE USG POSITION ON THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF PAKISTAN. THE SECRETARY ANSWERED THAT OUR SUPPORT FOR PAKISTAN'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE WAS FUNDAMENTAL TO THE U.S. HE ADDED THAT WE TAKE OUR CENTO OBLIGATIONS SERIOUSLY AND WE WILL CARRY THEM OUT.

9. ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAUNDERS SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO UNDERSCORE A POINT THE SECRETARY MADE ABOUT THE REGIONAL CONTEXT OF OUR CONCERNS. WE SEE A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST IN THE REGION WHICH WANTS TO BLOCK SOVIET PENETRATION. WE ARE READY TO RAISE THE AWARENESS IN THOSE COUNTRIES OF OUR COMMON INTEREST IN SUPPORTING PAKISTAN. OUR MUTUAL FRIENDS ARE ACUTELY AWARE OF THE SITUATION AND WE WANT TO WORK TOGETHER WITH THEM.

10. SHAHI CLOSED BY SAYING THAT THE SECRETARY'S COMMENTS WERE VERY IMPORTANT AND HE DID NOT BELIEVE HE COULD RESPOND TO THEM NOW. HE WOULD REPORT FULLY TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN ISLAMABAD.

11. DURING A PRIVATE DISCUSSION AFTER THE MEETING, THE SECRETARY TOLD SHAHI THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD ASKED THAT HIS PERSONAL CONCERN THAT FORMER PM BHUTTO NOT BE EXECUTED BE CONVEYED TO THE GOP. SHAHI RESPONDED THAT THIS IS A VERY DELICATE MATTER FOR THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN  
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PAKISTAN, AND HE WILL PERSONALLY CONVEY THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS TO GENERAL ZIA.

12. AMBASSADOR HUMMEL MAY DRAW ON POINTS NOTED ABOVE, EXCEPT PARA 11, IN BRIEFING APPROPRIATE GOP OFFICIALS OF SECRETARY/SHAHI CONVERSATION. RE. PARA 7, IF THE PAKS RAISE MODALITIES OF MILITARY SALES, YOU SHOULD

STRESS, AS THE SECRETARY INDICATED, THAT THIS ISSUE REQUIRES FURTHER STUDY.

13. WE ASSUME PAKS WILL INFORM JIDDA AND TEHRAN ABOUT PROPOSED NEWSOM VISIT. FOR TEHRAN--SEPTTEL BEING SENT CONCERNING INFORMING GOI ABOUT NEWSOM VISIT. FOR JIDDA--YOU MAY INFORM SAG, AT SENIOR LEVEL, OF OUR PROPOSAL TO HAVE NEWSOM VISIT JIDDA IN CONNECTION WITH TRIP TO SOUTH ASIA, PROBABLY IN JULY.

14. FOR OTHER INFO ADDRESSEES: YOU SHOULD NOT RPT NOT DISCUSS THIS MATTER, INCLUDING NEWSOM VISIT, WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS FOR NOW. SEPARATE INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING NEWSOM TRIP WILL BE SENT AT LATER DATE.  
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